

## A NEW DREBOND

ALLEGED AGREEMENT AMONG GERMAN, FRANCE AND RUSSIA.

## RELATIVE TO THE PHILIPPINES

IT IS SAID AN INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS IS TO BE PROPOSED.

Object is to prevent England or the United States from acquiring all of the islands, of which Germany wants a share.

BERLIN, July 2.—On the best authority the correspondent here of the Associated Press is informed that Germany, France and Russia have reached an understanding relative to the Philippine islands. It is said these three powers do not intend to interfere actively until hostilities cease, after which they will combine to prevent the United States or Great Britain from gaining possession of the whole of the Philippine islands. When the war is over, an international congress will be proposed, similar to the Berlin conference of 1878, to settle all questions connected with the war. All the great powers will be invited to join, including the United States and Spain. It appears certain that Germany will demand a slice of the Philippine islands or other compensation in the far East.

The correspondent of the Associated Press has received corroboration of the above facts from authentic sources. The same authority says Germany is doing a thriving trade in provisions, especially peas, beans and canned goods, and in ammunition and small arms, through Hamburg commission merchants, who are selling to both Spain and the United States. The latter, it appears, is buying quantities of the potassium used for saltpetre from the big German alkali works. All these goods, it is asserted, are shipped from Copenhagen, mainly by the Thingvalla line. The German government has ordered that three cruisers be kept in West Indian waters. In spite of the war, the German exports to America are as large as ever.

The press of the country is now commenting upon the Spanish American war in a more unbiased manner and with less venom toward the Americans, although the military editors continue to regard the situation as very unfavorable for the Americans as well as for the Spaniards. One of these experts said to the Associated Press correspondent:

"Admiral Camara's fleet were hurried to Manila. It might put Admiral Dewey in as bad a plight as Admiral Cervera, as Camara's fleet is much superior to Dewey's, and reinforcement could not reach the latter in time. The only way to save the fleet would be for it to leave the harbor before Admiral Camara's arrival."

With regard to Cuba, it is thought that the American forces, apart from yellow jack and the influence of the climate, are entirely inadequate. All the American operations since the United States forces have been landed, it is asserted, have been ill-advised and showed lack of foresight. The fact that the army of occupation is so insufficiently equipped with everything needed shows, the papers declare, poor generalship.

Some comment has been aroused by Mr. Tillman's speech in the United States senate regarding the Philippines. The National Zeitung reiterates the statement that Germany has no desire to get into the territory, except to protect German subjects, should the necessity arise, which is by no means unlikely, as neither Spain nor the United States seems able to cope with the matter. The paper adds:

"If the United States should conquer and retain the Philippines, or if Spain relinquishes them to the United States, they would become theirs by right of war, and it is impossible that the United States go to war with the United States in order to dispute their possession. Should Spain, however, lose the Philippines without the United States conquering them, then all the countries in the world, from the far East would be concerned in their fate."

## THURSTON TO BE THERE.

Will Address the Convention of the National League of Republicans.

NEWPORT, K.Y., July 2.—President L. J. Crawford, of the National League of Republican Clubs, received assurance today that Senator John M. Thurston will address the mass meeting at Omaha July 14. In connection with other prominent speakers, President Crawford has assurance from prominent Republicans all over the country of their attendance at the national convention in Omaha, July 15 to 18. President Crawford is not a candidate for reelection. Among the candidates for the presidency of the National Republican League are Hon. E. N. Dingley, editor of the Kalamazoo Telegraph, and a son of Congressman Dingley, of Maine; Colonel Stone, president of the Union League, of San Francisco; and A. M. Haines, president of the Indiana League of Republican Clubs.

The indications are that D. H. Stone, of Kentucky, will be re-elected secretary. The other candidate, who has made a canvas for the secretaryship, is J. E. Meyer, president of the New Jersey league. President Crawford has just returned from Little Rock, where he addressed the state convention of the Arkansas League. Referring to the reports about alleged lack of courtesy to him at the state convention of the Missouri league, in St. Louis, last Thursday, President Crawford says there was no such thing as a lack of courtesy shown him. He was passing through St. Louis on route home from Little Rock, and dropped in at the convention hall in St. Louis, and was not only cordially received, but urged to remain over for the next day. Being compelled to take the next train, on account of business engagements at home, he could not accept the invitation, and from his hasty and hurried departure, he has returned, after an absence of nine days.

**Coinage During the Year.**  
WASHINGTON, July 2.—The report of the director of the mint shows that during the fiscal year ended yesterday the coinage at the various mints of the United States amounted to \$2,606,930, as follows: Gold, \$1,681,865; silver, \$1,681,865; minor coins, \$1,681,865. The standard silver dollars coined aggregated \$1,002,730.

**Admiral Kilick Returns.**  
CAPE HATTEN, HATTI, July 2.—Admiral Kilick, of the Haytian navy, who, in company with two friends, left Port au Prince on a sailing ship over the island of La Navarre and whose absence gave rise to anxiety as to the safety of the party, has returned, after an absence of nine days.

**Kansas Laid Accidentally Shot.**  
CHERRYVALE, KAS., July 2.—(Special.) Wiley, the 9-year-old boy of Frank Appeler, living about six miles east of this place, was shot accidentally by an elder brother with a .32-caliber revolver while playing in their home alone. He is not expected to live.

## ROBBERS MAKE A GOOD HAUL.

Secured Somewhere Between \$10,000 and \$50,000 in the Texas & Pacific Holdups.

DALLAS, TEX., July 2.—General Manager Thorne, of the Texas & Pacific railway, made the following statement about the train robbery on his road near Stanton last night:

"Six robbers, all masked, except the leader, flagged our No. 3 west bound express after the 2 o'clock train, five miles west of Stanton on the Staked Plains, between the Colorado and Pecos rivers, one of the most desolate spots on the line. The robbers covered the engine crew with Winchester, cut the express car loose, forced the trainmen to move it onto a side-track, and then blew it up with dynamite. Nobody was hurt, but the car was wrecked, the sides and bottom being blown out. The robbers then blew up the through express safe, wrecking it and badly damaging its contents. What money was in the safe they took. Mounting horses they rode away to the Southwest."

"I have no way of knowing what the express company lost. The Pacific officials alone know the amount lost. This, however, is a robbery of the Texas & Pacific railway, and not of the express company. We did not know of the robbery until our general offices here until after office hours, and we were informed that three pursuing parties are after the 2 o'clock train from Midland and Stanton, and a larger posse started eastward from Pecos on a special train under the direction of Sheriff John E. Lovell, of Reeves county. The Texas & Pacific Railway Company has offered a reward of \$500 for the capture of each robber. The Pacific Express Company will offer the same amount, and the state of Texas will offer \$1000 for the capture of each of the express company's robbers. Officials of the express company decline to make public how much money the robbers secured. The Texas & Pacific Express Company will pay the amount all the way from \$1000 to \$50,000."

## LEEDY PARDONS A MURDERER

Gives Freedom to Henry Jackson, a Wyandotte Negro, Who Killed His Wife.

TOPEKA, July 2.—(Special.) Henry Jackson, a Wyandotte negro who was sent to the penitentiary in 1892 for twenty-five years for killing his wife, was pardoned today by Governor Leedy. Jackson was a porter on the Northwestern road, and during one of his trips his wife gathered up all the money he had and went to live with another man. When Jackson returned he hunted her up, and she told him to go away, as she loved another, whereupon he drew a revolver from his pocket and shot her to death. He was tried and sentenced to the Missouri administration, but the board of pardons filed an unfavorable report. The board of pardons a few weeks ago recommended that Jackson's sentence be commuted to seven years. Governor Leedy today went the board one better and ordered Jackson released at once.

## SET FREE FOR HEROISM.

Governor Barnes Pardons James Reed, Who Distinguished Himself by Bravery.

GUTHRIE, O. T., July 2.—(Special.) Governor Barnes today pardoned James Reed, upon the recommendation of all the officials of the Lansing penitentiary. Some time ago the cage in the Leavenworth coal mines was caught about 200 feet from the bottom, and there were sixteen men below. There was no way to get out, except for some one to release the cage. Reed volunteered to climb the wall and release the cage. It was a perilous feat, but he succeeded. His deed was considered one of extreme heroism, and the officials of the penitentiary recommended that he be set free. Reed was sentenced for burglary from Pawnee county and has served about one year of his time.

## POP POLICEMAN ACCUSED.

It Is Said He Furnished a Murderer a Key Which Helped Him to Escape.

TOPEKA, July 2.—(Special.) Policeman David Bland today captured Noble Abner Kent, wanted in Macoupin county, Ill., for the murder of his father, claims that a certain Pop policeman conspired with Kent to effect his escape from the penitentiary. Bland claims that the policeman furnished Kent with a key to unlock his cell. The charge is being investigated by Sheriff P. C. Davenport. Bland claims that the policeman conspired with Kent to effect his escape from the penitentiary. Bland claims that the policeman furnished Kent with a key to unlock his cell. The charge is being investigated by Sheriff P. C. Davenport.

## A GIRL WITH NERVE.

Miss Bridie Sanders Shoots Two of Three Men Who Attempted to Abduct Her.

BOISE, IDAHO, July 2.—Miss Bridie Sanders, in an attack by three men who opposed her retention as teacher of the White Cross school, shot two of the three running away. One of the wounded men, William Kendrick, may die. It is supposed that the third man, who was wounded, is in the hospital. Sanders is a native of the United States, and is a member of the White Cross school. She was teaching at the school when she was attacked by the three men. She was wounded in the arm and leg, but she managed to shoot two of the men. She is now in the hospital, and is expected to recover.

## CONGRESS OF PUBLIC ART.

United States Invited to Send Delegates to an International Art Fair in Belgium.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—Minister Lictveld, of Belgium, has invited the government of the United States to send delegates to the first international congress of public art, which will meet at Brussels in September next. He has left a circular in regard to the congress with the secretary of state, from which it appears that the government of the United States has agreed to send a delegation. The congress will be held in Brussels, and will be the first of its kind. It will be held in September, and will last for several days. It will be a meeting of public artists from all over the world, and will be a great event in the art world.

## Big Fire at Boston.

BOSTON, July 2.—The Atlas stores, near Congress street bridge, were partly burned to-night. The loss will be heavy. Several persons were injured, and the fire caused considerable damage to the property. The fire started in the Atlas stores, and spread to the adjacent buildings. It was extinguished after several hours of fighting. The loss is estimated to be in the thousands of dollars.

## Felt Takes the Champion Again.

ATLANTA, KAS., July 2.—(Special.) The Daily Champion came today under the management of J. E. Felt, who is a well-known figure in the city. Felt has taken over the paper, and is expected to make it a more successful one. The paper has a long history, and has been a prominent feature of the city's press. Felt's takeover is a significant event in the city's history.

## Death of J. D. Wagstaff.

GARNETT, KAS., July 2.—(Special.) J. D. Wagstaff, who for the last ten years has been at the head of the clothing house of Wagstaff & Son, died this afternoon of consumption. He was mayor of the city from 1893 to 1896.

## Oppressive Heat in Washington.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—The thermometer at the weather bureau today stood for over an hour to-day at 101. That point has not been reached at this time of the year since 1872. At 4 o'clock the heat was 98.

## BIG UNCLE DOWN

PAYMASTER VISITS THE RAGGED FIFTH AT CHICKAMAUGA.

## FIRST MONEY DUDES HAVE HAD

THEY HAD BEEN IN SERVICE TWO MONTHS WITHOUT PAY.

Company A on a Tour of Outpost Duty—Sergeant Sessions Captures Seven Marauders—Quartermaster Sergeant Hobendorff's Record.

## CHICKAMAUGA PARK, GA., June 30.—

There is great excitement in camp. Expectation and anticipation have been whetted to a fever pitch.

The Big Jim has come down!

The Big Jim? Anybody who has spent a week in camp knows the Big Jim. He is the most popular officer, or rather the dozen or twenty most popular officers, in the whole United States army. The Big Jim is the paymaster.

Fifth has served its state and its country, and not one cent of pay has it drawn.

For weeks the men had to stand jibes and jeers of lucker and loser, and now they are to be paid.

But the "dudes" stood it all stoutly, drilled hard and even made their derogatory nickname a title of honor, but for a time they had to stand it.

Then the government uniforms and arms came and things were better and now at last comes the Big Jim!

The Big Jim, in this instance, is known as Colonel Henry Sessions, chief paymaster of the department of the Gulf.

He arrived yesterday morning with twenty-three assistant Jims and some \$2,500,000 in specie—a carload of cash.

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## AN AWKWARD ADVENTURE.

A Woman's English Saved the Young Man From the Humiliation of the Situation.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A young man about town was caught in one of those sudden downpours of rain that have lately astonished the natives. He was on Euclid avenue at the time, and, obeying the first impulse of self-protection, ran up the nearest block and placed himself under the shelter of a house porch. He was early in the evening and the house, he noticed, was quite bright with lights. It was a rather narrow porch and he stood close by the front door while the rain came down in wild gusts.

Pretty soon the door opened and a trim maid stood in the opening. She looked at her. She held the door invitingly open.

"Won't you step in?" she said.

He stepped in, a good deal pleased at the thought of escaping the rain.

The maid looked at him again.

"Then he knew that he was mistaken for a caller."

Even as he wondered what explanation he could make of the situation, a parlor maid came in and handed him a card.

She stopped short when she saw she didn't know the youth.

"I am," she said in severely emphatic tones, "the young man who is in the kitchen."

The sudden rain drove me to the shelter of the porch, and you, evidently, mistaking me for somebody else, invited me in. I certainly have no desire to intrude."

The parlor maid looked at him with critical eyes.

Then she turned to the maid.

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